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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: DIGITAL DATA DECOMPRESSING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 15 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Notice of Priority to claim priority date of October 17, 2000.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration

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